

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiners for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, Patrick Reed, on December 19, 2007.

During the interview, Applicant's representative presented arguments distinguishing the claims from the cited references, namely Plotnick, Barton, and Unger. Proposed claim amendments for clarification were also discussed during the interview. Applicant's representative understands the Examiners to tentatively agree that the claims, amended for clarification as proposed during the interview, would be allowable over at least the references cited, subject to further search. Accordingly, without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting allowance of the application, Applicant herein amends claims 1, 13, 18, 22, 35, 40, 45, 59, and 64 in the manner discussed during the interview.

Claims 1-75 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.